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Travel Air To Deliver Montana's Flag to Kitty Hawk!

Who can think of a better way to celebrate 100 years of powered flight than by having the historic Travel Air 6000 deliver Montana's state flag to Kitty Hawk as part of the "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" program. Ray Sanders and Hank Galpin of Kalispell have been chosen by the EAA to fly Montana's state flag to Kitty Hawk. Ray and Hank will fly Hank's restored 1928 Travel Air 6000 and deliver the state flag to Kitty Hawk in conjunction with the National Air Tour on September 20, 2003.

On May 30 Ray & Hank flew the Travel Air to Helena where Lt. Governor Karl Ohs presented them with our state flag and a letter thanking them "for representing Montana as we celebrate the Wright Brothers' pioneering spirit." Lt. Governor Ohs was also able to sit for a few minutes in the cockpit and was very impressed with Hank's restoration job. Debbie Alke presented them with the official Montana Aeronautics pin wishing them "tail winds and blue skies" as they partake on their journey. "Being chosen to participate in "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" and represent our state as part of this year-long program is a distinct honor," Ray said.

The "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" program is a part of EAA's "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" national initiative, presented by Ford Motor Company, and supported by Microsoft Flight Simulator and Eclipse Aviation. Other elements of "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" include the construction of an exact flying reproduction of the 1903 Wright flyer, and a six-stop national tour of EAA's "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" exhibit, which includes the Flyer and numerous interactive aviation displays. The tour will culminate in Kitty Hawk, NC, when as part of the Centennial of Flight Celebration, EAA's Wright Flyer will fly again at 10:35 a.m. on December 17, 2003 – precisely 100 years to the minute from when the Wrights made history.

The 2003 National Air Tour is a historic 4,000-mile journey that follows the path of the uncompleted 1932 tour with 25 vintage aircraft landing in more than two-dozen cities.

For more information on EAA's "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" program or the 2003 National Air Tour, search the websites at www.countdowntokittyhawk.com and www.nationalairtour.com.



Pictured (l-r) are Ray Sanders, Lt. Governor Karl Ohs, Hank Galpin & Debbie Alke.



Centennial Web Sites

Here are a few of the many web sites honoring the centennial of powered flight:

www.centennialofflight.gov

www.centennialofflgith.af.mil/index.shtml

www.firstflightcentennial.org

www.firstflightNC.com

www.inventingflight.com

www.larc.nasa.gov/2003

www.neam.org/centofflight.html

libweb.uncc.edu/nasa/wrightbrothers.htm

Administrator's Column

Town Hall Meeting: Back by popular demand, National Air Transportation Association (NATA) president James K. Coyne is continuing his series of informative Town Hall meetings. The June schedule includes four meetings at association member companies. The purpose of the meetings is for Coyne to review current legislative and regulatory issues confronting NATA's membership and to answer member questions. Mr. Coyne will be in Billings at Edwards Jet Center on Friday, June 20. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am. If interested in attending please RSVP to Susan Nicholson at (800)808-6282 by Wednesday, June 18. T

FAA Reauthorization Advances in House: Legislation to reauthorize FAA funding passed the House Transportation Committee last week and is now headed to the full House for passage. Flight 100 -Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2115) was passed by unanimous consent. Some important amendments, provisions in the bill include: \$3.4 billion for the Airport Improvement Program in FY 2004, increasing the program by \$200 million each year through FY 2007; increased funding for the essential air service program; includes a resolution that Washington Reagan National be reopened to general aviation operations; institutes an appeals process for pilots whose licenses are revoked by the Transportation Security Administration; prohibits FAA from privatizing air traffic control. Representative Denny Rehberg serves on the House Transportation Committee and the Aviation Subcommittee. In these roles Rep. Rehberg looks after aviation issues important to Montana and works extremely hard to protect our interests. †

U.S. Cities to be studied as rival to Paris:

U.S. lawmakers continuing to express their frustration about French opposition to the U.S. invasion of Iraq, are looking at the possibility of a U.S.-based air show designed to compete with the Paris Air Show. FAA reauthorization legislation pending in the House directs the Secretary of Transportation to "study the feasibility of the United States hosting a world-class international"

air show" and provide a report to Congress within nine months along with "recommendations concerning potential locations at which the air show could be held." Representatives Michael Turner and Tim Ryan of Ohio introduced an amendment requesting Dayton, OH be considered and see potential opportunity for Dayton, the home of the Wright Brothers.

States Can't Conduct Background Checks: The TSA says individual states do not have the authority to require pilot background security checks; that power lies solely with the federal government. In a letter to AOPA, TSA wrote, "State imposed measures to require criminal background checks on flight school applicants would create a patchwork of requirements in this area....It is TSA's view that while such efforts by states are motivated by legitimate concerns for the security of the nation, they are nevertheless not permissible." The letter will be used by AOPA in its fight to strike down a pilot background check law in the state of Michigan. †

Flight Training and Middle-age Women:

Study Shows Empowerment: A recent study of middle-aged women reveals that becoming a private pilot after the age of 50 could be beneficial to one's health, may promote self-worth and provide unlimited opportunities to connect with family and friends. In a dissertation entitled, Exploring the Experiences of Middle-Aged Women in Becoming Private Pilots: A Phenomenological Study, Nancy Fessenden, Ph.D. explored the essences and meanings of learning to fly after the children have been raised and the gray hairs have arrived. The women studied, ages 45-60, all demonstrated a resilience, determination, undaunted focus, and adaptability throughout their flight training, all characteristics necessary in becoming pilot-in-command. This was not always an easy task as the women experienced a variety of obstacles during their training, yet preserved in pursuing their dreams. **†**



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June 14, 2003 – Billings EAA/MPA Young Eagles Day. Fly-in breakfast, young eagle rides, west end hangars; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. For information call Larry Mayer 657-1391.

June 14 & 15, 2003 - Montana Pilot's Association Recreational Airstrip Committee work session – Ervin Ridge Airstrip. This airstrip is not suitable for all planes or pilots. For further information contact Nigel Davis at ndavis@m-m.net.

June 15, 2003 – Annual Father's Day poor-boy sourdough pancake breakfast, Beacon Star.

June 18-21, 2003 – Montana Antique Airplane Association Air Tour. For information call Bud Hall (406) 586-3933 or (406) 586-6994.

June 21, 2003 – Choteau fly-in, Breakfast 7:30 am – 10:00 am; 1:00 pm airport dedication; Pig Roast/Dance beginning at 6:00 pm. Sky Divers, Tandem Jumps, Flour Bombing, Spot Landing, Remote Control Airplane Group Demonstrations. For further information phone Tim Hlavnicka (406) 466-2980.

June 27-29, 2003 – Fly in and work session, Meadow Creek Airstrip.

July 4-6, 2003 – Paradise Valley Flying Service fly-in in honor of the many people across the U.S. who have contributed their support and letters of encouragement this year. A pig roast is planned. Mogas and parking are available on the field, BYO tie downs. Airport diagrams are available on request at (406) 333-4788 or **flyingy@mcn.net**.

July 12, 2003 – Missoula Air Show featuring the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. Tickets on sale at all GrizTix locations (243-4051; 1-888-MONTANA), and the Missoula Airport Administration Office. Adult General Admission \$12.00; Kids/Seniors \$9.00; Reserved Seats \$15.00. Gates open at 9:30 a.m., Flag Drop at 11:00 a.m.

July 12, 2003 - Fly-in Breakfast & Toy Show - Big Sandy Airport.

July 12, 2003 - Helena Regional Airport Open House - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lots of food, prizes (including airline tickets) and speical events.

July 13, 2003 – Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In, 7:30 am–11:00 am, sponsored by the Ravalli County Pilots Association. Young Eagle flights, radio-controlled aircraft and antique cars.

July 18-20, 2003 – Fly in and work session Schafer Meadows Airstrip.

July 29-August 4, 2003 – EAA Airventure Oshkosh.

July 31 – August 2, 2003 – Evel Knievel Daze/Fly-In, Butte. For further information phone (406) 494-3771 and watch for further information in next months newsletter!

August 7-9, 2003 – Montana Antique Airplane Association annual fly-in, Three Forks Airport. Young Eagle Rides, Four Bombing, Spot Landing and more! For further -information phone Steve or Cindy Kleimer at (406) 586-2307.

August 8-10, 2003 – 10th Annual Splash-In Fly-In. Lower Stillwater Lake 14 miles west of Whitefish, MT on US Hwy. 93 West. For further information go to www.stillwaterlanding.com.

August 8-10, 2003 – Northwest Mountain Family Fly-in, McCall, Idaho. For further information phone Frank Lester (208) 334-8780 or John Goostrey (800) 453-0001 ext. 225 or one line at familyflyin.net or www.faa.gov/fsdo/boi.

August 15–17, 2003 – Montana Fun Weekend, Cut Bank International Airport. Event contacts – Car show and car events, Roy Nollkamper (406) 873-2137/5566/450-1078; Airplane fly in and aircraft events, Dennis Lenoir (406) 873-2221; Vendors, booths and general event information, Dave Anderson (406) 873-5616.

August 23-24, 2003 – Fort Peck Fly-In, for further information phone Lanny Hanson at (406) 228-2433 or (406) 228-4848.

August 28-30, 2003 – INAC annual conference, Kelowna, BC.

August 30-September 1, 2003 – Cleveland National Air Show, Cleveland, OH. For further information phone (216) 781-0747, or www.clevelandairshow.com.

September 6, 2003 – Northern Skies Aviation Open House and Fly-In. 8:00 am–6:00 pm, Laurel Municipal Airport (6S8). Airplane and helicopter rides and displays, contests for pilots and kids, free workshops by Northern Skies Flight instructors for pilots and non-pilots. For more information contact Northern Skies at (406) 628-2219 or www.northernskies.com.

For the most recent entries, see the Montana Aeronautics Division Calendar of Events at our Web site, www.mdt.state.mt.us/aeronautics/.

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Benchmark Work Session

The annual Benchmark work session took place on May 24-25, 2003 with an estimated 35 tail numbers and as many as 80 hard working individuals showing up for the occasion. The weather was great even with a few minor rainsqualls that brought everyone together under two big blue tarps.

On Saturday night after a busy day of painting outhouses & picnic tables, chopping firewood, spraying weeds, replacing windsocks and repairing fence Larry and Lalonnie Larson served up a great meal for the hungry crew in their cabin at the wilderness ranch.

Sunday was a recreation day that ended with a community potluck, again under the big blue tarps, and a short round of golf on the adhoc course. Foreign dignitaries were from Dickenson, ND and Pendelton, OR along with 20 communities in Montana.

Benchmark is a backcountry strip that is located just east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness area, 30 miles west of Augusta in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. Thanks so much to the great individuals that work so hard maintaining these strips, without the help of these volunteers enjoying these backcountry strips would not be possible. Again, THANK YOU!



Wade and Geanette Cebulski of Seeley Lake hung a new windsock while their dog Buddy was in charge of gopher control.



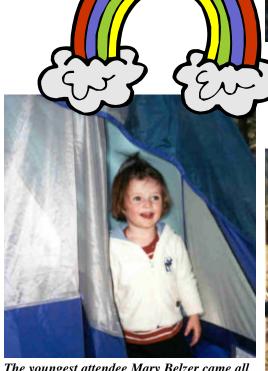
Lowell Hanson and his wife Shirley of Helena volunteered their services for the weekend.



Dennis Lenoir, Cut Bank took on the tough task of digging fence holes.



Pam Anderson of Cut Bank and Lalonnie Larson of Molt painted the picnic tables at the campground.



The youngest attendee Mary Belzer came all the way from Dickenson, North Dakota!



Larry Larson of Molt and Dave & Katie Anderson from Cut Bank fixed fence. The Anderson's attend the Benchmark work session each year and their daughter Katie is always there to lend a helping hand no matter how big the job!

Tools Beneath the Wings & Aviation Academic Scholarships Awarded



Pictured (l-r) Rena Smith, Instructor, HCT; David Carney; Jeanne MacPherson, Aeronautics Division; Joshua Hapka and Brent Vetter, Instructor, HCT.

The University of Montana Helena College of Technology Aviation Department chose 1st year student David Carney and 2nd year student Joshua Hapka to receive the Montana Aeronautics "Tools Beneath the Wings" Scholarships. An awards ceremony was on May 7th at the Helena College Aviation Department.

Joshua Hapka is from Highwood, Montana and became hooked on aviation after a friend took him on his first airplane ride in a Cessna 180. Joshua has always liked to work on vehicles, so aviation maintenance seemed like the way to go. At Helena College of Technology Joshua has helped to rebuild a 0-470 Continental engine.

David Carney is from Hamilton, Montana, he plans to attain his Airframe and Powerplant license at Helena College of Technology and continue to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Maintenance and also plans to get his commercial pilot's license and become a corporate pilot.

Robby McPhail Flathead High School student was selected to receive the Montana Aeronautics

Division's Aviation Academic Scholarship. Robby is a 2003 graduate from Flathead High School in Kalispell and is heading to Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After graduating from Spartan, he intends to go into the Air Force. Robby said he "was always interested in airplanes but never started to learn about them until I got into the aviation class at Flathead High School. This class is a free ground school and it has made me even more excited about aviation." Aviation Space & Technology at Flathead High School is the only high school aerospace class offered in the State of Montana. Congratulations to these fine young gentleman and best wishes for their future in aviation.

Special Logbook Offer

Thousands of pilot logbooks will be given away, courtesy of longtime BE A PILOT sponsor Jeppesen, to prospective new pilots who take a BE A PILOT introductory flying lesson through July 31.

Consumers are eligible to get a free Jeppesen logbook by mail if they use an official Introductory Flight Certificate (free from BE A PILOT) to obtain an intro flight lesson by July 31, 2003 at one of nearly 2,000 participating flight schools in the U.S. and Canada. An introductory flying lesson at a participating flight school is just \$49 with the BE A PILOT Introductory Flight Certificate.

To get a logbook after the lesson, the prospective pilot asks the flight school to fill-in verification information on the BE A PILOT certificate's mail in coupon. The consumer then fills-in his or her name and address, and drops the post-paid coupon in the mail. No postage is necessary in the U.S.

Consumers must mail their completed BE A PILOT "Logbook Offer" coupon (including participating flight school verification of intro lesson) by July 31, 1003. Last year, nearly 34,000 consumers requested a BE A PILOT Introductory Flight Certificate by phone (1-888-BEAPILOT) or on the Web (www.beapilot.com.) Since 1997, more than 175,000 BE A PILOT certificates have been issued.



Robby McPhail, Kalispell



Northern Skies Aviation Group Tour

On Wednesday May 14th, six aircraft departed the Laurel Municipal Airport to tour the Flight Service Station and the Montana Air National Guard in Great Falls. The group consisted of pilots based on the Laurel Airport and student pilots from Northern Skies Aviation.

At the Flight Service Station, pilots received a walk in briefing from a controller for the return trip home, and got to meet some of the people who are generally on the other end of the telephone.

Everyone then headed to Fuddruckers for the traditional \$100 hamburger. Lunch was sponsored by Laurel First Citizen's Bank. Bob Wiens, President and Branch Manager of the bank was part of the tour flying his Cessna 172RG.

After lunch, the Montana Air National Guard gave an extensive tour of their hangar, F-16 aircraft and fire station. The group



Bob Wiens, President and Branch Manager of First Citizens Laurel at the controls of the F-16 simulator getting an explanation and lesson from Lt. Col. Bill Schulz.



Group photo at Air National Guard Hangar in front of F-16 Fighter.

then observed F-16 afternoon takeoffs from the control tower cab of the fire station. After watching takeoffs, Lt. Col. Bill Schulz, F-16 pilot and Airspace Manager for the 120th Fighter Wing gave a lesson in the F-16 simulator.

"The group flights are not only a whole lot of fun, but a fantastic learning experience for the pilots as well" said Laurie Puckett, Assistant Chief Flight Instructor of Northern Skies Aviation. "This is a chance for licensed pilots to get out and use their ratings and get some additional instruction at other airports if they choose. The student pilots are fired up about getting their license because now they have a glimpse at some of the really awesome things they can do with it and the amount of freedom it will afford them."

This is one of many tours and group flights Northern Skies Aviation is organizing. Next on the agenda is a group flight to Oshkosh, WI for EAA Airventure this summer, and a group camping trip to Schafer Meadows. For more information contact Northern Skies at (406) 628-2219 or www.northernskies.com.

Montana Teacher Receives Prestigious Award

Five educators are the latest inductees to Civil Air Patrol's National Congress Crown Circle for Aerospace Education Leadership, a select group of leaders in the field of aerospace education. Among those honored were Kaye Eblet of Missoula, Montana, who was named this year's A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year.

Other inductees included Ann Grimm of Colorado Springs, director of education for Estes Rockets and Cox Aviation; Judith Wehn of Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, chief of educational programs for the United States Air Force Museum; Dale Eash of Nashville, an aircraft maintenance technology teacher at McGavock Comprehensive High School; Alfred Hulstrunk of Rexford, N.Y., special projects coordinator for the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville, N.Y.

Established in 1979, the Crown Circle for Aerospace Education Leadership is the highest award presented by the National Congress each year. "The Crown Circle award winners are the crown jewels of education in this county." Said pioneer aviator A. Scott Crossfield, who was on hand for the induction.

Kaye introduced her students to aviation and aerospace subjects even during her early career in elementary and middle school classrooms. After earning her own private pilot's license, Kaye joined Civil Air Patrol and transferred her teaching skills to a new role as director of aerospace education for the Montana Wing. Kaye has now worked in aerospace education for more than a decade, giving presentations to students and teachers throughout Montana. In 2001, the Montana Aeronautics Division named Kaye the Aviation Educator of the Year.

PACE & Wings Programs

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is offering a Pilot and Aircraft Courtesy Evaluation (PACE) program. PACE offers general aviation pilots a voluntary opportunity to receive a courtesy evaluation of their pilot skills and the airworthiness of their aircraft. Experienced FAA Inspectors conduct the program with no punitive action from the FAA. You could call it the second set of eyes. The program is broken down into two phases. The owner can complete just phase 1, but participation in the entire process will maximize its benefits. Approximately 1½ hours are need to complete both evaluations.

Phase 1. Airworthiness Evaluation

- A) Aircraft document review. (registration, airworthiness certificate, weight and balance, equipment list, and etc.).
- B) Aircraft maintenance records.
- C) Aircraft markings and placards.
- D) A general airworthiness evaluation of the aircraft.

Phase 2. Flight Evaluation

- A) Document review. (Pilot and medical certificates. Pilot's logbook).
- B) Standardized procedures. (Pre-briefing, takeoff and area departure, air work and landings.
- C) Maneuvers and procedures are limited to those appropriate to the certificate held.

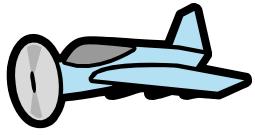
The other program available is the Pilot Proficiency Award Program (Wings). The "wings program" provides pilots with the opportunity to establish and participate in a personal recurrent training program. There are 20 phase awards. Phase 1-10, provides wing's (lapel pin) and a certificate. Phase 11-20 provides a certificate only.

Each phase includes 3 hours of dual instruction and attendance of at least one FAA sponsored Aviation Safety Seminar, there are some provisions for substitution of ground training. Each phase must be completed within 12 months. Training for the next phase may begin immediately. If you participate in the program within the preceding 24 months a separate flight review need not be accomplished as required by 14 CFR section 61.56.

Further information can be found in AC61-91H, or by contacting the Helena FSDO at (406) 449-5270.



The old Runway Café across the street from the Stanford Airport is once again open for business under a new name "Bubba's Café". Fly-In or drive in and check it out Monday-Friday from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM or Sunday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information phone (406) 566-2262.



SkyWest Airlines Announces New Code-Sharing Partnership

SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), announces that they have signed an agreement with Continental Airlines to supply the carrier with regional airline feed into their Houston hub. These communities will be announced by Continental at a later date.

"Continental is a solid airline that is dedicated to weathering the challenges facing the aviation industry today," said SkyWest Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Ron Reber. "We have certainly strengthened SkyWest's stability with this new code-sharing agreement, and we look forward to a long and productive partnership with Continental."

SkyWest will fly under the Continental Connection banner, and their service will feature the Brasilia EMB-120 turbo-prop aircraft. The 30-passenger aircraft features single and paired seating for passenger comfort. With cruising speeds of more than 340 MPH, overhead storage compartments, and flight attendant service, the Brasilia ensures a fast, comfortable flight for its passengers.

Continental Airlines is the world's seventh-largest airline and has more than 2,000 daily departures serving 131 domestic and 93 international destinations. SkyWest Airlines is the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier and carried 8.23 million passengers last year. SkyWest was recognized by the Department of Transportation as the number one on-time domestic airline for the month of February and March. They currently operate as Delta Connection and United Express carriers under a marketing agreement with Delta Air Lines and United Airlines respectively. SkyWest serves a total of 98 cities in 29 states and two Canadian provinces and has more than 1,000 daily departures.

New Flights for Helena Airport

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Summer usually means more flights at the Helena Regional Airport, and this year is no exception. The airport announced that Delta and its SkyWest regional partner will have a total of four takeoffs and landings here as of early July. Meanwhile, Horizon Airlines is adding back a flight that was trimmed shortly after September 11, bringing that airline's number of daily stops to three

Delta Airlines recently moved up the arrival time of its last flight from the Salt Lake City hub to Helena, from its traditional 11:30 p.m. slot to 7:38 p.m. But starting July 1, a SkyWest regional jet will take the later Salt Lake arrival slot; arriving in Helena at 11:17 p.m. SkyWest is a regional affiliate of Delta.

"We still need that (11:17 p.m.) arrival to accommodate the East Coast folks coming out here," said airport director Ron Mercer. "But the new Delta flight time means a lot of people can get home earlier."

The Delta flight, a Boeing 737-800, will leave Helena at 6:25 a.m., while the latenight SkyWest arrival will turn back to Salt Lake at 8:00 a.m. "That later morning departure gives people a break who don't need to be in Salt Lake so early for connections," Mercer said.

When the July 3 flight begins, Helena will have four departures for Salt Lake daily (6:25 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:55 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) and four arrivals (11:33 a.m., 3:26 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 11:17 p.m.).

Meanwhile Horizon Airlines is adding a third flight to Seattle, this one without a stop in Great Falls. Horizon flights will leave for Seattle at 6:10 a.m., 1:47 p.m. and 5:25 p.m., with arrivals from Seattle at 1:17 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 11:58 p.m. The 1:47 p.m. departure goes straight to Seattle while the others stop in Great Falls.

Travelers have dealt with the airport's ongoing expansion, as reconstruction of the road in front of the terminal has shifted all traffic to the main parking lot. The drive in

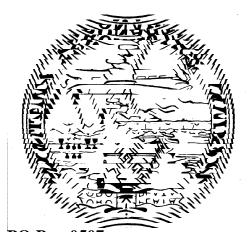
front of the terminal has been repaved and nearly doubled in width. The crosswalks will be piped for heating however they won't actually be heated until work on the expansion of the terminal itself is completed sometime next year. That building project is slated to begin this fall.

Northwest Airlines was expected to shift to nonstop regional jet service to Minneapolis for its one daily departure from Helena, but Mercer said those plans were nixed. For now, the jet to the Twin Cities stops in Billings each way, leaving Helena at 7:40 a.m. and returning at 7:20 p.m.

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